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## DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: CO110-2004-205-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER (optional): C-65571(8012D, 8013D, 8014D-M01 498), C-56835(8007D, 8008D-J11 498), C-65573(8009D, 8010D-J11 498)

PROJECT NAME: APDs for seven wells

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T4S, R98W, sec.1 (8012D, 8013D, 8014D), sec.11 (8007D, 8008D, 8009D, 8010D), 6th P.M.

APPLICANT: ENCANA Oil & Gas

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Construct access roads, well pads, and install buried pipelines for seven gas wells to be located on two well pads. Total surface disturbance of 18.6 acres on BLM would be as follows: access roads-5 acres, pipelines-3.6 acres, well pads-10 acres. Two locked gates would be installed where access roads to well pads (M01 498, & J11 498) leave RBC #69. If wells are producers, the area of the well pad not needed for production would be contoured and seeded. If wells are non producers, well pads would be contoured to as near original contours as possible and seeded. Subsequent seeding may be necessary to establish acceptable vegetative cover.

LAND USE PLAN (LUP) CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action is subject to the following plan:

Name of Plan: White River Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP).

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

X The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Decision Language: Page 2-5: "Make federal oil and gas resources available for leasing and development in a manner that provides reasonable protection for other resource values."

\_\_\_\_\_ The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

#### REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document: White River Resource Area Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS).

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

List by name and date any other documentation relevant to the Proposed Action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

Name of Document: Figure Four Natural Gas Project Environmental Assessment CO-WRFO-03-187-EA

Date Approved: December 3, 2004

#### NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA:

1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The Proposed Action is substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document, CO-WRFO-03-187-EA

2. Was a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s), and does that range and analysis appropriately consider current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation: A reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action was analyzed in the existing NEPA document CO-WRFO-03-187-EA, and that range and analysis appropriately considers current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the Proposed Action? Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The information or circumstances, upon which the existing NEPA document, CO-WRFO-03-187-EA, are based remains valid and germane to the Proposed Action. The analysis is still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information.

4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document, CO-WRFO-03-187-EA, continues to be appropriate for the Proposed Action.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the Proposed Action unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The direct and indirect impacts of the Proposed Action are unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document CO-WRFO-03-187-EA.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action are unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document CO-WRFO-03-187-EA.

7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document CO-WRFO-03-187-EA is adequate for the Proposed Action.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the NEPA analysis and preparation of this work sheet (by name and title).

The proposed action was presented to, and reviewed by the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on September 14, 2004.  
Date

A list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office.

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: See CO-WRFO-03-187-EA for a complete analysis of Cultural Resources.

Native American Religious Concerns: None

Threatened and Endangered Species: See CO-WRFO-03-187-EA for a complete analysis of Threatened and Endangered Species and applicable mitigation.

MITIGATION: Attached Conditions of Approval

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional): N/A

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DATE: 12/13/04

## CONCLUSION

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Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the land use plan and that the NEPA documentation previously prepared fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:



Field Manager

DATE SIGNED:

12/13/04

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.